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1. Violence and bloodshed have accentuated the rivalry between the Umma and the Ashiqqa parties, as religious sectarianism has been an important factor, along with political differences, in the various outbreaks which occurred during the summer of 1948. [REDACTED] Comment. The fanatical clashes of Mirghani's Khatmia sect and the Mahdi's Ansar Youth may be expected to continue, since the National Front is exploiting the religious differences of the two groups. Eliminating political turmoil in the Sudan would involve a reconciliation of these factions, which informant does not consider to be a possibility at this time.) 25X1A
2. The most violent and serious of the Umma-Ashiqqa conflicts occurred at Wad Medani. The first of a series of riots took place there in March 1948, after which a delegation of the Ansar Youth (an Umma Party movement), headed by its Secretary-General, 'Abd-al-Rahman Mugdallah, and other party leaders proceeded to Wad Medani, in order to intercede in behalf of their arrested followers. The case had not come to trial before other outbreaks occurred, during April and May. Late in May, Sheikh Mustafa Ahmad Ali, an Ashiqqa leader, was killed and about fifty other rioters seriously injured in a clash which lasted several days and resulted in numerous arrests.
3. The arrested rioters were finally brought to trial in July, in a court presided over by Innes (fmu), the District Commissioner for Southern Gezira. Muhammad Ahmad Mahgub and Ziada Arbab defended the accused members of the Umma Party; Ahmad Kheir, those of the Ashiqqa Party. The following leaders were convicted of taking part in the Wad Medani rioting:

Ashiqqa Party

Yassin Salim
Awad Salim
Muhammad 'Abdullah

Union Party

Babiker Hajj Yussif
 Ibrahim 'Abd-al-Rahman Nugdallah
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